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TED / TEDX talks you might want to watch

Below are links to some thought-provoking TED talk VIDEOS*

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How Reliable is Your Memory?

A Prosecutors Vision For A Better Justice System

We Need To Talk About An Injustice

The Psychology of Evil

Why Eyewitnesses Get It Wrong

When Life Unravels, Where Do Police Officers Turn for Help?

David Swailes was a 10-year Los Angeles Police Department veteran who was married to his high school sweetheart. A father of four boys, he was making plans for a family trip to Disneyland.

His wife of 14 years had noticed something was horribly wrong in recent months. His behavior had changed. There were fits of rage. He wasn't sleeping well and having nightmares when he did sleep.

UNDERSTANDING THE POLICE RESPONSE TO FRAUD

New research by Perpetuity Research and the Police Foundation has found that the police response to victims of fraud is inadequate. Despite fraud making up to 31 percent of all crime, and more than one-third of victims reporting that the impact on them was severe or significant, fraud is not prioritized by the police.

Perpetuity Research and the Police Foundation's analysis of crime data and interviews with national and local practitioners found that the system for dealing with fraud is poorly structured, fraud prevention messages are confusing and victim support services do not cater for the specific needs of fraud victims.

Although the police received 277,561 reports of fraud in 2017/18, only 8,313 (three percent) led to criminal charges. This compares to 13% of reported crimes overall that result in a charge, summons or community resolution. Once a crime is reported, there are major delays before victims know whether their

cases will be taken up by the police. This means that vital opportunities for investigation can be lost. Victims and their cases are often passed around a fragmented network of local and national agencies. Some police forces offer little or no support to their local fraud victims.

Organized crime behind surge in Canadian vehicle thefts, auto insurance fraud: experts

It was gone before she knew it.

In early November, a woman in a Toronto neighbourhood bought a 2019 Lexus RX350. She registered the vehicle and brought it home with new plates on Monday Nov. 5. It only sat in her driveway for two days, but when her husband

looked out the window on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 8, the midnight blue SUV was gone.

A thief had quietly driven the SUV away in the middle of the night.

OPP busts organized crime group accused of making guns

Ontario Provincial Police have charged 23 people after an eight-month investigation into the trafficking of illegal firearms and drugs by an organized crime group in the Greater Toronto and Golden Horseshoe areas.

Police said they seized 14 handguns, six long guns including a machine gun and assault rifle, silencers, grenades, a stun gun and body armour.

Tech Helps Law Enforcement Doesn't Cross 'Big Brother' Line

When it comes to cutting-edge technology, there are a few industries that consistently lead the way in terms of innovation and adoption.

These include healthcare, auto manufacturing, and law enforcement. The latter has made some especially significant strides over the past 18 months, adopting new technologies that are making the challenge of solving crimes easier and more efficient.

For law enforcement agencies — including local police departments and higher-up organizations like the FBI and CIA — solving crimes is a time-

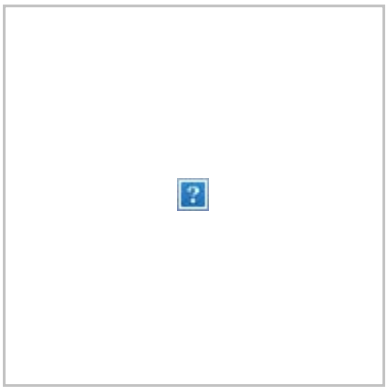
sensitive matter.

The 10 must-have on-duty items, according to officers and tactical pros

We ran the numbers with GovX.com, the members-only gear site for military, first responders, and law enforcement professionals, and here are the top ten most popular gear items that police officers are using on the job.

OPINION: FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION A

GROWING CRIME IN THE US



United States District Judge Bernard Friedman declared last week that a federal female genital mutilation (FGM) law is unconstitutional. In the process, she dismissed key charges against two Michigan doctors and six others accused of subjecting at least nine minor girls to the genital excising procedure in the nation's first FGM case.

2017 NIBRS Crime Data Released

The FBI released information today on more than 6 million criminal offenses submitted to its National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) last year, as law enforcement nationwide continues transitioning to the more informative crime reporting system.

Because of its more detailed data collection, NIBRS is set to become the national standard for crime reporting in 2021. It offers more context and allows law enforcement agencies to use resources more strategically to prevent and combat crime.

Homeless Crime Jumps Nearly 50 Percent in Los Angeles, LAPD Says

The number of crimes in which homeless individuals were listed as suspects increased by nearly 50 percent in the city of Los Angeles in 2018.

Crime data provided by the Los Angeles Police Department showed there were 8,906 crime reports between Jan. 1 and Dec. 1 this year in which a homeless person was listed as the suspect, compared with 5,976 for the same time period in 2017.

Victims of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme will soon receive $695.3 million more from a government compensation fund, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Thursday, less than two weeks before the 10th anniversary of the swindler's arrest.

The payout, to more than 27,300 victims, is the third from the Madoff Victim Fund, which has roughly $4 billion and was set up in November 2013 to help

individuals, schools, charities, pension plans and others recoup their losses from the fraud.

Expert predictions on the top police issues in 2019

As 2018 comes to a close, it is time to look ahead to the critical issues, challenges and trends law enforcement faces in 2019.

PoliceOne asked 19 law enforcement experts to share their predictions of the biggest issues police will face in 2019 and their top tips for how to navigate the path ahead. Read their predictions in this slideshow – which you are welcome

to download, print, or share on your social networks. You can also read the full text of the predictions and tips below the slide share and keep scrolling to the end of the article to add your predictions in the comments area for the top issues confronting law enforcement and police officers in 2019.

Beverly Hills Settles With Police Captain for $2.3 Million

A Beverly Hills Police Department Captain who said he was effectively stripped of his responsibilities and rank because of his age and religion -- agreed to settle his lawsuit against the city and its police chief for $2.3-million.

Capt. Mark Rosen said in legal filings his role in the department was

marginalized after he and other officers allegedly heard Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli make insensitive remarks about Jews, Catholics, and lesbians. Rosen cleared out his desk Friday and agreed to retire immediately.

10 cyber security trends to look out for in 2019

2018 was an interesting year for all things cyber.

It was the year that brought major breaches pretty much every week. Most recently, the Marriott Hotel group suffered a significant data breach, while Quora fell foul to some cybercriminals.

Cybersecurity is still the issue on every business leaders mind.

This year, organizations have had to get their house in order with GDPR, amongst others, coming into force on 25 May. The stakes for protecting your organization from cyber threats have never been higher.

Defense, Intelligence And The Role Of Video In Counterterrorism

"Police scour CCTV footage for clues," is a phrase delivered by many journalists in the aftermath of a terrorist attack. The chances are that somewhere, someone somehow captured a critical piece of evidence on camera. Last year, New York police uncovered CCTV footage of the moments before a terrorist set off a pipe bomb in a crowded transport hub. They then

used the images to identify the suspect. In London, counterterrorism squads used CCTV and other video footage to identify and recreate the movements of the terrorist that detonated a bomb at a concert in Manchester Arena. Video footage also played a key role in finding the culprits responsible for the November 2015 Paris attacks, with a CCTV video at Brussels airport used to pin down one suspect.

Hi-Tech Maps to Tell Public How Long Police Officers Spend on Their Beats

High-tech maps that tell the public how long bobbies spend on the beat hour-by-hour in their neighbourhoods have been developed by police and could be a blueprint for the UK.

Avon and Somerset police use GPS-type technology to track all officers' movements every five seconds to create the maps which are used to counter claims there are no officers on the streets.

Smart Video Doorbells Could Lead To Rise In False Accusations, Experts Warn

The increased high tech surveillance is allowing homeowners to take security into their own hands, but are they going too far in some cases? In New Rochelle, a homeowner shared video to social media of a woman trying to break into her home near Webster and Union Avenues

The would-be burglar was captured on Amazon Ring, a smart doorbell technology that lets you watch your property from anywhere. It's catching on, and making home security a social event.

Many people share their surveillance video with neighbors online.

"I've seen it on community pages and blogs," New Rochelle resident Lisa Tossini said. "I think we automatically assume in today's day and age that it's someone who has ill will."

More Than 130 Arrested at Pelosi's Capitol Hill Office Amid Environmental-Activist Demonstration

U.S. Capitol Police told Fox News 138 people were arrested Monday

during demonstrations by Green New Deal supporters at the Capitol Hill office of House Speaker-designate Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

“Today, the United States Capitol Police arrested 138 individuals for unlawfully demonstrating in the Cannon and Longworth House Office Buildings. All were charged with D.C. Code §22-1307, Crowding, Obstructing, or Incommoding,” Eva Malecki, communications director of the United States Capitol Police, said.

Hundreds of young demonstrators turned out Monday on Capitol Hill to push Democrats on a package of ambitious environmental goals — including a nationwide transition to 100-percent power from renewable sources within as little as 10 years — that’s been dubbed the Green New Deal.

Bill would ban weapons on crowd-watching drones

Law enforcement could use drones to monitor large crowds for safety and security but the unmanned devices couldn't be equipped to fire on crowds, under a proposal filed Thursday by Sen. Darryl Rouson, D- Tampa.

Rouson's proposal (SB 132) creates an exemption to state law so that drones could be used to monitor large-scale events — defined in the bill as comprised of more than 10 people — for evaluating crowd size, assessing public-safety vulnerabilities, determining staffing levels for public-safety personnel or identifying possible criminal activity.

Court to Rule on Secrecy of State Police Social Media Policy

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania's highest court has agreed to consider whether state police should have to disclose more details about how they use information from social media to investigate crimes and make their own hiring decisions.

The Supreme Court on Monday announced it will hear an appeal by the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of a May decision by a Commonwealth Court that upheld the police agency's decision to black out large sections of the document they provided.

The justices will review whether the lower court should have privately examined the redacted portions of the state police's social media monitoring policy and other evidence before overturning the Office of Open Records' order granting

access to the ACLU.

They will also consider whether the Commonwealth Court panel should have relied heavily in making the decision on an affidavit by the state police's criminal investigations director.

A state police spokesman declined to comment, citing ongoing litigation.

Christmas Shoppers Warned Over Safety as Fake Goods on Rise

Christmas shoppers are being urged to be wary of counterfeit products following a rise in cases involving fake goods.

According to KPMG, over the past two years, 39 cases involving a total of £116m of counterfeit and pirated goods – which can range from hair straighteners and perfume to ebooks – have been prosecuted in the UK. The firm said the number of cases reaching court “continues to rise”.

The 10 Best Facebook Alternatives for Android and iOS

Facebook hasn't been very fun for the last few years. From political fighting to fake news to privacy concerns, many users are logging on less and others are deleting their accounts altogether. For those who primarily use Facebook today but are looking for alternatives, we've put together a list of the best options—from the most popular challengers to a few of the latest upstarts.

While there isn't a true Facebook alternative out there, you're not really looking for that anyway. You're ready for something different—a social network platform where everybody knows your name and you won't get trolled for posting. The following social media apps promise features such as less ad targeting, less fake news, and more security, so users can share updates, read the headlines, and communicate with more confidence in their security and privacy.

Four Tech Tasks to Keep Your Parents Safer Online

All of us are vulnerable to fraud. But the ways some older people use technology can put them at higher risk.

That's where you come in. When you're home for the holidays, or the next time you visit your folks, offer to help with a few tasks that can keep your parents safer online.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

Identity thieves glean details from social media accounts that they can use to impersonate others. Unfortunately, many people have no idea how much information they're exposing to the world.

"If you've never changed your Facebook privacy settings, everything you post can be seen by everyone," says Doug Shadel, AARP's lead researcher on consumer fraud and author of "Outsmarting the Scam Artists."

Recent advancements won't replace the 'human element' in law enforcement cops say

A group of Democratic lawmakers are demanding more answers from Amazon about its contracts to provide law enforcement agencies with facial recognition technology.

The group sent a letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos on Thursday saying that the company's previous explanations to Congress about its Rekognition software were inadequate. Democratic lawmakers expressed concern about the potential threat the technology poses to civil liberties in the hands of police.

With news that new-to-the-county license plate readers are likely linked to a significant drop in certain crimes, officials say that, while new crime fighting technology is great and does make their jobs easier, it is not going to replace the need for officers on the street.

"They are a force multiplier," St. Johns County Sheriff's Office spokesman

Chuck Mulligan said Thursday of the new license plate readers, or LPRs, recently put to use.

Who wants to be a police officer? Job applications plummet at most U.S. departments.

Chuck Wexler talks to police chiefs frequently, as head of the Police Executive Research Forum think tank in Washington. Recently, he asked a roomful of chiefs to raise their hands if they wanted their children to follow them into a law enforcement career. Not one hand went up, he said.

Nationwide, interest in becoming a police officer is down significantly. In Nashville, job applications dropped from 4,700 in 2010 to 1,900 last year. In

Seattle, applications have declined by nearly 50 percent in a department where the starting salary is $79,000. Even the FBI had a sharp drop, from 21,000 applications per year to 13,000 last year, before a new marketing campaign brought an upswing.

'It’s nowhere near good enough': broken promises on police diversity

One evening last month, the police chiefs of England and Wales sat down for dinner at the end of the first day of their annual conference in Westminster. Two hundred plates of exquisitely moist teriyaki salmon were followed by a main of beef shin with a punchy parmesan mash, and a pudding of creme brûlée brought aflame to the tables of the chiefs and their guests. A sponsor had

picked up the bill, so there was no cost to the taxpayer.

Among the guests was Yvonne Coghill, the head of workplace diversity for the NHS. She had been part of an earlier session on diversity when the tables had been less well populated and the luxuries less pronounced. But as she reflected on the dinner, one thing leapt out at her: “There isn’t anywhere in the NHS where I could go and have just five people from minorities in a room of 200 – and two of those were journalists and one was an admin worker.”

San Francisco auto break-ins: UC study finds police foot patrols helped decrease larceny crimes

The San Francisco Police Department’s recent strategy to reassign dozens of

officers to neighborhood foot beats has contributed to a significant decline in thefts and assaults, a new study released Wednesday found.

The report by UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy found that daily incidents in San Francisco of larceny theft — which include vehicle break-ins — dropped nearly 17 percent, and assaults dropped 19 percent in the months after Chief Bill Scott reassigned 69 officers to foot patrols on Sept. 1, 2017.

Jailing people with mental illness is a national problem. The solutions are local.

There are countless problems in this world that lack ready solutions.

Jailing so many people with mental illness is not one of them.

The Virginian-Pilot is examining the crisis caused by jailing, often for minor crimes, people suffering from mental illness. Originally, the newspaper tracked 404 jail deaths around the nation since 2010, uncovering fatal patterns of negligence, abuse and poor treatment.

Since then, The Pilot has added 30 more cases, bringing the total number to 434.

This story is a continuation of our coverage – the first of three stories about the ways municipalities are trying to fix the problem.

Throughout the country, in places as diverse as Tucson, Miami and Milwaukee, people are finding ways to get those with diseases such as schizophrenia, PTSD and bipolar disorder the help they need rather than locking them up. Common among all approaches is a willingness to address the problem across systems – from the courtroom to the jail to treatment and housing.

Three law enforcement officers shot in North Houston while serving warrant

HOUSTON (FOX 26) - A Harris County sheriff"s deputy and two Attorney General investigators were shot in North Houston Tuesday.

Five agents with the Attorney General's Office and two investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Office were serving a felony warrant in the 5000 block of Harwick around 12:15 p.m. According to the sheriff's office, upon making entry to the residence, the suspect engaged the officers with gunfire and the officers returned fire. Two Attorney General investigators and a Harris County Sheriff's Office investigator were hit by gunfire.

Has Plea Bargaining Distorted American Justice?

About 95 percent of criminal convictions are a result of plea negotiations between prosecutors and defense attorneys. The process by which these deals are reached constitute a system of “underground justice,” that too often shortchanges defendants—and is overdue for reform.

That’s the central argument of a new book by William R. Kelly, Ph.D., director of the Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice Research at the University of Texas at Austin, and one of the country’s leading criminologists. The book, “Confronting Underground Justice: Reinventing Plea Bargaining for Effective Criminal Justice Reform,” was written with U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman.

Mike Bazzell

A Few Thoughts on the Marriott Breach

You have likely heard about the data breach at Marriott that impacted 500 million people. The best full coverage of this can be read at https://krebsonsecurity.com/2018/11/marriott-data-on-500-million-guests-stolen-in-4-year-breach. My inbox was full of questions about this breach, so here are a few thoughts. Note that I will have a detailed summary of the breach and response on this week's podcast, due out Friday, December 7, 2018.

1) This is not technically a Marriott breach. The breach happened to the Starwood Hotel chain, which Marriott happened to recently purchase. If you stayed at an actual Marriott property, you are not likely affected. If you stayed at a Starwood property over the past four years, such as a Westin, you probably are in this breach.

2) If you are in this breach, the attackers now have your name, mailing address, phone number, email address, passport number, Starwood Preferred Guest account information, date of birth, gender, arrival and departure information, reservation date and communication preferences. This is quite invasive.

3) Marriott is offering free credit monitoring for one year. I do NOT recommend that you enroll in this. Instead, freeze your credit. (Guide at https://inteltechniques.com/data/workbook.pdf).

4) Change your password for your Starwood Preferred Guest Rewards Program immediately. If you used that password anywhere else, change all references immediately.

5) Watch out for breach-related scams. Email phishing attacks will start to use this incident as bait to get you to click or download things you should not.

6) This is not a Marriott problem, this is a global problem. This does not make Hilton any more secure than Marriott. Every hotel business is vulnerable. This is why I am very selective about providing any personal details to a company. I have always used an alias name at hotels over the past ten years, and paid with either a secondary alias card or a Privacy.com card in an alias name. Some have accused me of being paranoid. I am sure that I am in this breach, but under an alias, with a fake address, a burner telephone number, and a unique form of payment that can be easily closed. I have little concern. Will this change any of your behaviors when companies ask for your name, address, cell, etc?

Please listen to my podcast Friday for many more details and strategies.

103 Fugitives Arrested in Large-Scale Gang Enforcement Operation, ‘Operation Washout’

FRESNO, Calif. (KFSN) --
Federal and local law enforcement crime fighters are sending the message that gang violence will not be tolerated in Fresno County.

Officials announced Monday the arrest of 103 fugitives following a five-day gang sweep across the region.

"There have been dozens of US Marshals on the streets working with local law enforcement and state law enforcement to get those with arrest warrants off the streets and processed and into the criminal justice system," said McGregor Scott, U.S. Attorney.

Upcoming Training / Conferences

Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) Training (2019). Orlando, FL. April 29-May 3, 2019
- http://leiu.org/training/event/2019

International Conference on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism (ICTOCT). Uncasville, Connecticut. April 22-26, 2019. https://www.ictoct.com/asian-organized-crime.html

International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. June 25-28, 2019
- https://www.iaclea.org/iaclea-2018-annual-conference

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